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CHEETAH PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nauradehi Sanctuary has been found most suitable for Cheetah project in the country;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this project;

(c) whether the Government proposes to declare Nauradehi Sanctuary as a National Park;

(d) the details of infrastructure required for achieving the desired results in this regard; and

(e) the time by which Cheetah is likely to be brought under this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) An assessment of potential sites for reintroducing the Cheetah in India has been done through the Wildlife Institute of India, in collaboration with the Wildlife Trust of India, which, interalia, includes the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary of Madhya Pradesh. A Task Force for reintroduction of Cheetah in India has been constituted for developing a roadmap with detailed ecorestoration plans for potential sites, sourcing of the species and undertaking further scientific work relating to reintroduction. Action has been taken for providing funding support to the said initiative. The States having the potential sites (Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan) have been addressed, and 'in-principle' agreement has been received from Madhya Pradesh. However, the matter is subjudice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Declaration of National Park falls within the domain of States.